

DUKE, WENDELL L.

Wendell Leroy Duke was born at home on March 28, 1907, to Emma Matilda Neilson Duke and Adolphia Young Duke in Heber, Utah. He attended Central School and Wasatch High School.

He worked at various odd jobs from a young age. At ten years of age, he was assisting neighbors with milking and feeding livestock, and also watching their homes while they were away. He worked at the Park City Utah Mine, and at Woods Cross Canning Company. He helped build reservoirs at Trial Lake and also helped build cabins. He worked at Dan's Service Station while serving faithfully.

He was baptized at the age of eight in Luke's Hot Pot and was confirmed by his father. He was ordained a Deacon, Teacher, and Priest by his father, and an Elder by Don Clyde. He was called on a mission to the Southern States Mission where he served for two years.

Upon returning from his mission he married Sina May Watson in the Salt Lake Temple on May 27, 1931. Sina was the daughter of Ella Maria Murdock Watson and Henry Fowles Watson. After their marriage, Wendell had an attack of malaria and pneumonia and was advised by the doctor to move to a warmer climate. Therefore, they moved to Portland, Oregon, to Washington, and then back to Portland, where he worked for Safeway Stores. Their first baby, Virginia, was born when they were in Portland, Oregon.

Wendell's father's failing eyesight and poor health brought them back to Heber, where he worked at the Heber Exchange for 4 years as a manager of the grocery department. In 1933, just after the birth of the second child, Frances, Sina was asked to help re-open the Heber Hospital. Wendell and many other of Heber's "good samaritans" helped to establish and keep the hospital running. He later went to work for Utah Power and Light, at their Murdock plant north of Heber. They had 3 more daughters while they lived in Heber: Merle, Ella Maria, and Laurel.

His church work included: Presidency of the 20th Quorum of Seventy, Stake Missionary, Bishop of Heber Second Ward for 5 years, Stake High Council, President of Wasatch Stake High Priests Quorum for 4 years, High Priest Group Leader for 4 years, in the Marlborough Ward in Salt Lake, and many years of service as

a home teacher.

He and Sina have enjoyed attending all of the nearby temples, and traveling to many areas of interest in the West and Canada.

All five daughters were married in the temple: Virginia in 1954 to Lowell G. Tensmeyer (Indianapolis, Indiana); Frances in 1956 to Grant Merrell (Vernal, Utah); Merle to Robert E. Davis in 1958 (Heber City); Ella Marie in 1960 to Phillip Manwaring (Vernal, Utah); and Laurel to Richard B. Allred (Midvale, Utah). Wendell and Sina have 27 grand-children and 14 great-grandchildren.

DUKE, Sina May Watson

Sina May Watson Duke was born in Charleston, Utah May 6, 1906 to Henry Fowles and Ella Marie Murdock Watson. She was the seventh of eleven children. She tells that her two older brothers were not at all thrilled at the birth of "another dumb girl."

She grew up on the ranch with her brothers and sisters in Charleston. (The ranch was at the base of the "island" now covered by Deer Creek Reservoir.) Because of the location, there were many comings and goings at the ranch. Many people stopped on their way to or from Provo for one of Aunt Ella's good homecooked meals or just to chat with Harry.

Sina attended grade school in Charleston. Her father drove the bus which at the time was a "white-topped buggy".

There was always plenty to do at the ranch. Sina took the cows to the field many times. Helped feed the hay hands and had her turn at all the chores. A sister said it was a rare day when the table was not set for 20. There was always plenty for everyone. This is where work was invented, but also lots of pleasure and joy.

Sina completed her education at the high school—earned her nursing degree and began her career as a loving, caring nurse while waiting for her sweetheart Wendell to complete his mission.

She and Wendell were married in the Salt Lake Temple on May 27, 1931. Sina and Wendell helped re-open the Heber Hospital and Sina was there day and night for many years. She was always helpful and kind to all whom she served. There at the birth of many, many babies to assist and give comfort.

She began her church service as a helper in the Cradle Roll class

in Charleston Ward as a very young girl. Served in M.I.A. Presidency, as a teacher in all organizations. Has been a visiting teacher continuously since 1938. Served as Relief Society President in Marlborough Ward for 3 1/2 years after moving to Salt Lake City in 1958. Has served on the Missionary Activation Committee and supported Wendell and her children in all their church callings.

Sina and Wendell have enjoyed traveling. They have had many enjoyable trips with their family as well as with their brothers and sisters.

GILES, Henry Leonard

Henry Leonard Giles was born Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1891 in the family home at 1st North 1st West in Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah.

He was the first child of Frederick and Hannah Roberts Giles. He was reared in Heber Valley and enjoyed all the sports of the time. He loved the outdoors. His sister Celia was his constant pal. He was educated in the Wasatch County schools. His mother urged him to play the piano, but on the day of his recital he failed to appear, very much to her disappointment.

On July 12, 1911 he was married to Pansy Bonner, daughter of George Bonner, Jr. and Phebie Annette Alexander in the Bonner home in Midway, Utah by Bishop Henry T. Coleman. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on September 5, 1923.

After their marriage they lived in Heber City for a few years. Then they moved to Park City where he worked in the mines. A few years later, they returned to Heber where he was employed by Bishop Joseph A. Rasband, by Heber City as City Marshall, and by Heber Power Company installing the flume to carry water from Jordanelle to the power plant. He also worked for Heber City Water System and supervised the installation of sewer lines and the treatment plant. He was employed by Utah State Road Commission.

One day while going from Heber to Midway he met Bishop John VanWagoner who inquired as to his church activities and advised him that he was impressed to admonish him to become active and that some time in the future he would be called upon to serve